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(54) Title: MODIFIED PEPTIDES, COMPRISING AN FC DOMAIN, AS THERAPEUTIC AGENTS

(57) Abstract: The present invention concerns fusion of Fc domains with biologically active peptides and a process for preparing pharmaceutical agents using biologically active peptides. In this invention, pharmacologically active compounds are prepared by a process comprising: a) selecting at least one peptide that modulates the activity of a protein of interest; and b) preparing a pharmacologic agent comprising an Fc domain covalently linked to at least one amino acid of the selected peptide. Linkage to the vehicle increases the half-life of the peptide, which otherwise would be quickly degraded *in vivo*. The preferred vehicle is an Fc domain. The peptide is preferably selected by phage display, *E. coli* display, ribosome display, RNA-peptide screening, or chemical-peptide screening.

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1. Claims: 1-7 (partially), 8-11 (completely),
22-32 (partially), 35 (completely),
39-51 (partially)

Compositions of matter of the formula (X1)a-F1-(X2)b and multimers thereof, wherein F1 is an Fc domain, X1 and X2 are each independently selected from -(L1)c-P1, -(L1)c-P1-(L2)d-P2, -(L1)c-P1-(L2)d-P2-(L3)e-P3, and -(L1)c-P1-(L2)d-P2-(L3)e-P3-(L4)f-P4. P1, P2, P3 and P4 are each independently sequences of pharmacologically activbe peptides; L1, L2, L3 and L4 are each independently linkers, and a, b, c, d and e are each independently 0 or 1, provided that at least one of a and b is 1; DNA encoding said composition, an expression vector comprising said DNA, a host cell comprising said expression vector, Proces for preparing a pharmacologically active compound, and wherein X1 and X2 comprise an IL-1 antagonist peptide sequence.

2. Claims: 1-7 (partially), 12-17 (completely),
22-32 (partially), 33 (completely),
39-51 (partially)

As in subject 1, but wherein X1 and X2 comprise an EPO-mimetic peptide sequence.

3. Claims: 1-7 (partially), 18-21 (completely),
22-32 (partially), 34 (completely),
39-51 (partially)

As in subject 1, but wherein P1 is a TPO-mimetic peptide sequence

4. Claims: 26-32 (partially), 36 (completely),
39-51 (partially)

Process for preparing a pharmacologically active compound, which comprises selecting at least one randomized peptide that modulates the activity of a protein of interest, and preparing a pharmacologic agent comprising one Fc domain covalently linked to at least one amino acid sequence of the selected peptide(s); wherein said peptide is an MMP inhibitor peptide or a VEGF antagonist peptide.

5. Claims: 26-32 (partially), 37 (completely),

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39-51 (partially)

As in subject 4, but wherein said peptide is a TNF antagonist peptide.

6. Claims: 26-32 (partially), 38 (completely),
39-51 (partially)

As in subject 4, but wherein said peptide is a CTLA4 mimetic peptide.

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